

Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-310462-T3W3

Eich cyf/Your ref: 26/0191

Newport City Council
Civic Centre
Newport
NP20 4UR

Dyddiad/Date: 09 June 2026

Annwyl Syr/Madam/Dear Sir/Madam,

Bwriad/Proposal: Liberty Steel, Corporation Road, Newport, NP19 4XE

Lleoliad/Location: Outline planning application for the creation of a secure compound and the installation of external plant and equipment to create a modular data centre together with associated equipment and structures, engineering operations, staff accommodation and associated works

Thank you for re-consulting Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales (NRW) about the above, which we received on 04 June 2026.

We continue to have **concerns** with the application as submitted. However, as set out in our previous letter dated 30.04.2026, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome by attaching **conditions** regarding **land contamination, controlled waters** and **pollution control (construction environmental management)** to any planning permission granted. Please note, without the inclusion of these conditions we would object to this planning application.

Protected Species

Great Crested Newts

We have reviewed the following reports submitted in support of the application:

- Great Crested Newt eDNA Report, prepared by Environmental Business Solutions, dated May 2026
- GCN Technical Report, prepared by Surescreen Scientifics, dated 02.06.2026

The submitted information has identified that great crested newts (GCN) are unlikely to be using the application site. We therefore have no comments to make on the application as submitted in respect of GCN.

Other matters

The advice in this letter relates to matters which are included on our consultation topics list. We do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other environmental interests that are not included on this list.

We advise the applicant that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure they secure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to their development. Please refer to our website for further details.

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

Jessica Jones

Cynghorydd - Cynllunio Datblygu/Advisor - Development Planning

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/Natural Resources Wales

E-bost/E-mail: southeastplanning@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi./Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.